

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO.  TOPIC Military Information from the Schweinrich Troop Training Grounds25X1 EVALUATION   PLACE OBTAINED   25X125X1 DATE OF CONTENT  25X1 DATE OBTAINED   DATE PREPARED 16 December 1953REFERENCES  PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)  REMARKS  

- 25X1   1. On 15 November 1953, trucks   loaded with logs, passed through Gadow, coming from the direction of Zechlin.
- 25X1 2.   3 km southeast of Gadow, major Soviet fatigue details were clearing a strip about 3 km wide and bordered by the Schweinrich-Lutterow road to the north and Jagen (forest section) No 72 to the south. Timber was trucked away and was allegedly stored at the Dossow railroad station.
- 25X1   3.   the area south of Gadow was deforested by Soviet wood workers. The timber was hauled away by about 50 trucks and was loaded at the Dossow, Rossow and Fretzdorf railroad stations. About 1,000 men, organized in groups of 10 to 15 soldiers and 1 officer, were employed in the loading of the timber and leveling of the area.
- 25X1 4. On 27 October, a new unit arrived at the Schweinrich training area. The unit was quartered in 32 tents.   the fatigue details were stationed in Jagen Nos 95, 96 and 139 near Neuglienicke and the demolition party was stationed in Jagen No 139. Work was supervised by a general. The stumps of the trees were blown up and the area was being leveled.
- 25X1   work was pushed forward. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camps
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- Farmers were permitted to till their fields. they had to pay no taxes but did not get any indemnities for damages in the fields.

- 25X1 1.   Comment.   previously indicated   the woods in the area west of Neuglienicke were being cleared   the farmers in the Zuehlen-Zechow-Braunsberg-Bienenwalde were to be expropriated.
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[redacted] units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were employed in the work in the Neuglienicke area. This information tends to indicate that two more deforestation projects were under way south of the Schweinrich-Lutterow road and south of Gadow. Fatigue details of the IX Mitz Rifle Corps were probably employed in this work between 1 and 21 November. It is possible that firing lanes for advanced combat practices of the abovementioned units are being prepared in the areas mentioned. The construction of a new airfield in this area appears most **improbable**, as the Schweinrich troop training grounds would thus become useless.

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